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Subject: FW: Animas fisheries info.
[Animas #1 and #2 summary table.pdf](#)
[Fish-Tissue-Data-Summary-09-01-15.pdf](#)
[Fish-Tissue-Recommendation-Rationale-09-11-15.pdf](#)

Ed – You may want to consider adding this fish tissue data into SCRIBE for possible use in generating graphs/tables. This is Colorado Parks and Wildlife Data, both historical and post-event, that tells a very positive story. The narrative in the Fish Consumption Advisory is well written and provides the rationale for why it is safe to consume fish from the Animas River. The population tables also show no decline in the overall abundance of trout species in the river.

Thanks,
Steve

From: Wall, Dan
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 11:14 AM
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FYI

From: Peter Butler [mailto:[mailto:PeterButler@epa.gov](#)] **Personal Email/Ex. 6**
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 9:38 AM
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Subject: Next ARSG Meeting

Dear Stakeholders – We are planning for our monthly meeting in September on Tuesday the 22nd in Durango. We will meet at the new County Commissioner meeting room, 6:30 – 9:00. We will send out an agenda and address in a few days.

Below is an email from CPW about recent fish surveys that should be of interest. I've also added the attachments to the email.

Hi Peter,

Ironically, the fishery looks better than it did last year but we are still not seeing enough recruitment of younger trout to support enough large or quality fish to meet the Gold Medal "quality standard". I attached a table with the most recent survey results. I also attached the analysis of the 10 trout fillets collected post spill. The CDPHE has still not decided whether to test the 108 sentinel fish we put out. The fish probably did not eat much so there may be no metal accumulations in the organs but we will see what they want to do. We will test the organs for dissolved metals in 10 fish we collected for fillet analysis. Also, I don't have results from our fry shocking but we did catch brook trout fry, speckled dace, mottled sculpin, and some brown trout fry as far up as Baker's Bridge this week. In the Durango area, mottled sculpin actually spawned between our first fry shocking (7/16) and this week's shocking (9/2).

Thanks for all of your help!

Jim

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